

Frank H. Varney

Fatally Injured in Palm Springs Wreck

BERKELEY, Nov. 18. — Frank H. Varney, 44, district manager of an Oakland air conditioning firm, was killed last night at Palm Desert Airport, near Palm Springs, when his light plane stalled and crashed as he was coming in for a landing.

The father of three girls, he lived at 6990 Devon Way.

He was en route alone in his low-wing plane to attend a conference at nearby Indio with Wally Timm, sales engineer there for a branch of Varney's firm. The Oakland office is at 3959 Piedmont Avenue.

Mr. Varney left Buchanan Field at Concord on Monday to attend the conference. He had been conducting his business throughout the state by air for several years.

The plane circled the airport, and, returning for a landing, faltered and fell into a ravine. Death resulted from a fractured skull, according to Deputy Coroner Robert Drake.

Mr. Varney was a University of California graduate and a native of San Francisco. He is survived by his widow, Muriel, and daughters, Helen, 18, a U.C. student, and Nancy, 16, and Marilyn, 14, both students at Berkeley High School.

Funeral services are pending.

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BERKELEY, Nov. 19.—A farewell service for Frank H. Varney, 44, Berkeley businessman who was killed Tuesday when his plane crashed at a Palm Desert Airport near Palm Springs, will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Little Chapel of the Flowers, Adeline Street and Ashby Station.

Mr. Varney, a native of San Francisco, lived at 6990 Devon Way.

He is survived by his widow, Muriel; three daughters, Helen, Nancy and Marilyn Varney; his mother, Mrs. Emily Varney, all of Berkeley, and a brother, Robert Varney, of St. Louis, Mo.